

Employees walk

by Molra Ambrose

McGill's unionised employees walked out on Monday and Tuesday to protest loss of job security and changes in working conditions proposed by the provincial government and the university administration.

According to union business agent Raymond LeClerc, employees are only asking for the "status quo."

"We haven't had a raise for one year, but we are not asking for one. We want job security. It is a matter of survival. If you don't have a job now, it will be impossible to find one if you are laid off," he said.

LeClerc, negotiator for the McGill unit of Local 298, the Service Employees' Union (SEU), said the administration wants to alter its contract with unionised employees. The only unionised employees on campus belong to Local 298, which includes maintenance, residence and printing staff, as well as janitors, porters and Faculty Club workers. Local 298 is syndicated under the Fédération des Travailleurs du Québec (FTQ).

LeClerc said his local has grievances against McGill and its support of government

demands.

Unionised workers are striking against both the university and the government. All universities in Québec sit at the same sectorial bargaining table to negotiate with unionised workers. One agreement at the provincial level is established for all employees and individual problems are negotiated locally.

Job security and lay-offs

LeClerc said provincial officials propose to fuse jobs and increase lay-offs. Besides supporting government dictates, McGill administration wants to rescind the three-month warning currently necessary to move employees on campus from one building to another.

However, LeClerc's response to the question of the low number of picketing union members was vague. He said the number of places to picket depleted resources at any one spot, that some workers reported to work wearing inappropriate clothing and that employees work in shifts. He admitted some union members just stayed home.

Administration officials were unavailable for, or declined, comment on the strike or negotiations.

Students could be penalised

by Peter Kuitenbrouwer

Students who miss classes, skip exams, or fail to hand in papers during a strike may be penalised by their professors, according to Vice-Principal Academic Samuel Freedman.

This was Freedman's response when Associate Dean of Students Kay Sibbald called him yesterday morning to ask what students' rights are.

When she reported this at a strike support meeting in the Ballroom at 10h00 yesterday, it caused a ripple of shock in the 70 students and professors attending.

When McGill's maintenance workers struck in 1980, the University Senate endorsed students' right to boycott classes without being penalised. Now, the administration says students have no rights, and some professors and student leaders say they do.

Economics professor Allen Fenichel told those assembled the Administration never repudiated the 1980 policy contained in a letter by then V.P. Academic Egil Pederson. That letter said "instructors should take all reasonable steps to assure that students wishing to respect picket lines not be penalized."

Economics Professor Jack Weldon later called Freedman's statement "rotten, dumb, and anti-social."

Following the meeting, Students' Society President Bruce Hicks called Freedman and asked him if students are, in fact, protected.

Freedman then met with Hicks, Students' Society V.P. University Affairs Steve Matthews and Dean of Students Robert Stevenson.

The outcome is a letter from Freedman to Hicks, which says, in part, "the University does not have a written policy on students' rights and responsibilities during a legal strike."

The letter says individual professors will make necessary arrangements with their students, bearing in mind that... "the University should make every effort to ensure that professors and students are not subjected to harassment or intimidation because of their desire to follow the dictates of their conscience during a strike ...in respecting picket lines."

Matthews says the letter does not say that students' rights are protected.

Weldon informed the *Daily* last night that Freedman is overstepping his boundaries in

writing the letter to Hicks because "he has overlooked the fact that there was a legal document."

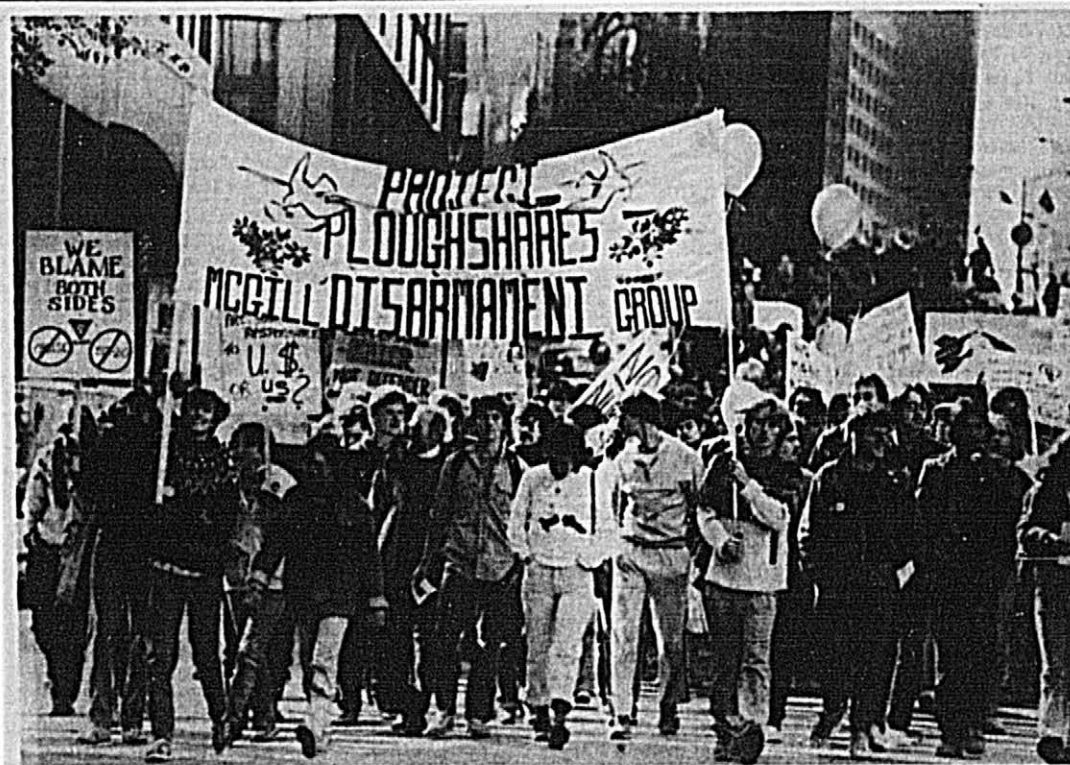
The Pederson document giving students rights was passed "out of a sense of equity; that 'Hell, if you were going to protect the professors, then you're going to protect the students.'"

Another policy paper from a 1981 Senate meeting makes up for the lack of clear policy on students' rights. The "Rights and Responsibilities of Academic Staff and Students During a Strike" discusses only students' protection from professors who cancel classes because of a strike.

Weldon called it a "longish technocratic document which is a rather poor substitute for Pederson's letter."

Two and a half years ago, Senate struck an ad-hoc committee to map out student rights in a strike. The committee has not yet reported. Secretary of Senate Sheila Sheldon-Collier agreed the committee has been around "much longer than an ad-hoc committee should."

Vice-President External Affairs Patrick Gagnon will suggest Council supports students' right to strike at tonight's Student Council meeting.



Last Saturday, 15,000 people took to the streets to protest against the fueling of the arms race by both the Soviet Union and the land of "freedom" — the United States. In the days to follow, 45 people got arrested for peacefully disturbing bureaucrats who were discussing their plans to push the world over the edge.

Director of Physical Resources Sam Kingdon said the buildings on campus have been kept "reasonably clean" despite the walk-out. He added that printing operations and residence food service has halted. Residents were refunded

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CDers dragged away

by Melinda Wittstock

All eyes are riveted on eight people sitting silently in a circle with their arms locked, outside the door of the American Consulate in Complexe Desjardins. Approximately 100 people — supporters, onlookers and press — watch quietly as about 40 Riot Squad policemen, equipped with clubs and guns, drag the eight away one by one, and throw them into a paddy-wagon.

In the past two days, 45 people have been arrested in Montréal for conducting peaceful civil disobedience (C.D.) to protest the testing of the Cruise Missile in Canada and the arms race in general.

Actions organised by the October 22 Committee were held at the American Consulate on Monday, the Soviet Consulate on Tuesday, and the Canadian Department of National Defense recruitment centre on both days.

Early Monday morning, 14 people blockaded the doors of the St. Catherine street Canadian Department of Defense recruitment office and refused to move. Police dragged away 10 of the 14 and arrested them for "refusing to circulate" (a municipal bylaw). The recruitment centre was forced to close for the day.

CDers meet law and order

Monday afternoon 14 people carried from the American Consulate and some were charged with "disturbing the peace" and the rest with "public mischief."

Moving in for the first eight

arrests, the riot squad pushed the crowd from the demonstrators. "Oh my goodness, law and order," shrieked one observer. "Everybody out! Democracy has been suspended until these people are arrested," commented another.

Soon, four other demonstrators replaced the eight arrested and continued the action. Within minutes, they were also carried away.

Protesters Windi Earthworm and Pat More who had locked themselves inside the consulate, were arrested and dragged out by riot police two hours after the second wave of arrests.

Back in the USSR

Yesterday morning at the Soviet Consulate on Musée St. 14 people were arrested and charged with "refusing to circulate" after they jumped a 14-car police barricade, sat down, and refused to move.

A crowd of approximately 100 assembled in front of the Consulate, chanting "Solidarité, solidarité" as protesters were shoved into the paddy wagon.

An hour later, seven more protesters, five of whom had been arrested the day before, occupied the Canadian Department of National Defence recruitment office, while 15 others demonstrated outside. Within an hour, the seven were arrested and charged with "public mischief."

According to October 22 Committee member Dominique Ritchot, "C.D. was decided on

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385 — NOTICES

The Greens are here again! A general information and discussion of platform to be held Oct. 29 at UOAM. Sign-up at 9:00 a.m. See you there!

FREE LECTURE. How to improve and build a super memory. Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. 1538 Sherbrooke Street West, Suite 710. Please reserve by calling Dr. Nathan Schiff at 935-7755.

HAPPY HOUR! All are invited to the Sigma Chi FRATERNITY which will be holding 2 pledge class happy hour FRIDAY 28 starting at 5 PM. Sigma Chi FRATERNITY 3581 University.

Margaret Randall will speak on women in Nicaragua and on the current emergency situation facing the country. Thursday Oct. 27, 8:00 p.m., room 232, Leacock.

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Armenian Students' Association — weekly get-together, 18h00 to 21h00, Union 403. McGill Christian Fellowship — meeting at 17h20 in Union building with Dr. Helen Roseveare.

Gays and Lesbians of McGill — discussion and speakers on "The New Bisexual: Community or Conformity?" 16h00 to 18h00 in Union 310.

Kabbalah — Jewish mysticism class led by Rabbi Ronnie Fine. 12h15 to 13h00 in Union 425/26.

McGill Ski Team — ski sale meeting tonight at 17h00 in Gertrude's. Poster plastering around campus to follow.

Réunion de l'équipe de l'Édition française — 15h00, Gertrude's II dans le Union. Préparation spécial littérature québécoise. Women's Union — Lecture on Witchcraft & Women with Mathilde Goodwin Bird. Boston Wicca coven leader, at 17h45. General Business meeting at 17h00, Union 425. All welcome.

Art History Students' Association — office hours 15h00 to 19h00, Arts W210, to view your art work for Nov. 7-9 exhibition. McGill Outing Club — general meeting and elections, 18h00, Leacock 232.

Tertulia — de las 2 a las 5. Conferencia cultural sobre el Ecuador a las 4. Aula

697, Bronfman. Café - pasteles.

Radio McGill — Fast Eddie and the Radio Renegade invite you to listen to Concepts and Considerations tonight from 19h00 to 20h00.

Redpath Organ Recital — by David MacDonald, 12h15. A free 30 to 50 minute recital.

Pollack Hall — Jazz Workshop bands I and II under Gerry Danovitch, 20h00.

McGill Film Society — all members must attend general meeting in FDAA at 19h00. Screening of *The General* in FDAA at 20h00.

Test Anxiety Group — now being formed at the Student Counselling Service. Phone 392-5119 now for more info.

Christian Meditation — at noon led by Benedictine Oblate Derek Smith in Green Room, Newman Centre, 3484 Peel. Open to all. Info: 392-6711 or -5890.

Sister Anne's Prayer Group — in Green Room, Newman Centre, 3484 Peel, 19h30. All welcome.

Chabad House — film *The Chosen* showing at 19h00. Jewish Philosophy: class with Rabbi Ronnie Fine, 19h00 to 20h30. Both events at 3429 Peel.

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because although demonstrations are great, they are not enough. We have to shake the government a bit if we want them to listen to our ideas. They don't listen when we send letters or have demonstrations," she said.

"If we have to break the law, we'll do it but we'll do it non-violently," she stressed. "It's a way to bring our ideas in front of the media and the public."

A participant of Monday's C.D. action at the Department of Defense, Ritchot said the group was successful in achieving one of its objectives.

"Since we were protesting job creation in the military, as well as the testing of the cruise and the arms race, we wanted to stop anyone from going into the recruitment office."

"We accomplished the immediate goal because they closed the building — they closed it because of us," she said.

In the United States 1,000 peace activists were arrested Monday for peaceful civil disobedience.

More C.D. coming

According to the October 22 Committee, non-violent civil disobedience will continue,

although no other actions have been planned.

"When you get close to 20,000 people out in the street in Montréal demonstrating against the nuclear build up and the government doesn't listen, you have to take further steps that are still non-violent — C.D. is one of them," said McGill student Normand Beaudet, a participant in C.D. at the Soviet Consulate.

The first group will be tried on November 9 and the trial for those arrested at the American consulate will be on November 22.

..Strikers have support

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\$10.00 a day to buy meals elsewhere.

The students established a student strike support committee and staffed picket lines Monday afternoon. They planned another assembly, picket shifts and leaflet distribution for Tuesday.

At Tuesday's meeting in the Union Ballroom, 70 students and faculty members gathered to discuss the strike. Questions were answered and the audience heard statements from the student strike support committee,

Student support for the strike was manifested Monday morning when 40 students met in the Union Building to hear LeClerc speak on the union's position.

the union, the Associate Dean of Students and the McGill Faculty Union (MFU).

Student strike support com-

mittee organiser Elise Moser said, "Basically we're a support committee and we don't initiate action. It is a concrete way students can support the strike directly either by picketing with strikers and educating other students."

"We're an ad-hoc committee made up of anyone interested. We are completely open and have no affiliations with any specific group on campus."

Associate Dean of Students Kay Sibbald explained the administration's policy on student support of the strike. The administration expects students to attend class during a strike.

The group also heard a statement drafted by the executive of the MFU, a group representing 10 per cent of McGill's pro-

fessors who have tried to gain accreditation as a union since 1969. The group's executive supports the legal strike.

Faculty support

The MFU believes that "for the members of Local 298, along with support staff in other Québec universities, there has been a steady undermining of all previous contracts with respect to security of employment, with respect to the integrity of job classifications, and to the rules for movement between jobs."

"As of last week Local 298 in fact offered immediately to negotiate every local issue. The McGill administration refused the offer, and will do nothing until global issues have all been resolved at the province-wide sectorial table."

In a communiqué issued October 17th by Vice Principal Administration and Finance John Armour, both classes and university business will function during a strike.

The decision of professors not to hold classes or come to work during a strike would be respected, but educators would not be paid during their absence.

Québec university employee unions have held rotational strikes around the province for two weeks.

According to LeClerc, the unions adopted this strategy to inconvenience students as little as possible.

"We did this for one specific reason — we want to have students and teachers on our side," he said to students at Monday's meeting. LeClerc cautioned that if a settlement were not approved, more strikes are probable.

McGill, according to union members, was the only university to remain open during a strike. Other universities closed their doors, allowing students, professors and staff to honor picket lines.

Strike Notes

Trib Turns Around

The McGill Tribune did not distribute yesterday, as a result of the strike. The driver came to the Roddick Gates but picketers told him he had "no business there" so he turned around and went back to the printing plant.

Fred Methot

Conference Picketed

Workers were frustrated while picketing the Faculty Club yesterday because hoardes of representatives from large American corporations insisted on crossing the lines to attend a conference being held in the building.

Bronfman Pressured

Students were locked out of classes in the Bronfman building Monday morning. When they tried the usual keys, they found some locks had been changed. As well, the lights suddenly went out in the middle of lectures.

Employees think supportive students may be behind the pranks in Bronfman. One employee admitted he had thrown garbage, but would not give his name. Another employee added the union intends to intensify pressure tactics until the administration is ready to sit down and negotiate.

Jocelyne Lajole

School Cashing In?

When maintenance workers strike, students notice not much more than a lack of toilet paper or unwrapped *McGill Dailys* in messy stacks. But Residence students get no food, cleaning or garbage collection.

Though they are refunded \$10 for each day of the strike, Robert Kitz, an Arts U2 student from McConnell Hall, says this is not enough. He calculated that students pay \$13.60 a day for the services and, as the school only refunds ten bucks, it's collecting roughly \$5,000 every day the workers strike.

The school claims the money goes to "fixed costs."

Peter Kultenbrouwer

Student Apathy

A poll of ten McGill Students showed disinterest in the strike.

All those responding knew of the strike, but only three knew of the issues. Five knew somewhat, three not at all. All attended classes. Four said they were interested, two were not. Two were uninformed, and two were against the union.

Comments ranged from "I'm not going to let them interfere with my education" (Nicky Simard, U1) to "Times are tough. They've got a job now, it's not time to raise shit" (Marc Labelle, also U1).

Chantalle Domingos

City bans porn signs

by Suzy Goldenberg

Montréal City Council passed an early morning motion Thursday to change zoning regulations and restrict pornographic signs and advertising throughout the municipality.

The Montréal Citizens' Movement (MCM) proposal is the first to be accepted by the ruling Civic Party. The Executive Committee of Council will write a bylaw banning pornographic signs within 60 days. As yet it is unclear whether the bylaw will make existing signs illegal.

Although the presentation by District 32 (Mile End) MCM councillor Kostas Georgoulis objected only to signs along Parc Avenue, Mayor Jean Drapeau suggested an amendment to the motion so it would apply to all districts in the city.

Georgoulis believes Drapeau supported the motion because "he has a reputation for ensuring the 'morals' of the city." It

would have "looked stupid" for the Civic Party to squash the proposal.

There is a chance the bylaw will apply retroactively and outlaw existing signs, he added.

MCM councillor for Décarie District 46, Sam Boskey, said the opposition party intended to ban all pornographic advertising rather than place a freeze on any new signs. The women's committee of the MCM is now formulating a motion against prominent display of pornographic magazines in local stores.

"We've learnt to make motions as vague as possible," Boskey said. "That seems to be the only way they get accepted."

Press attaché for the City Jacques Deslile was unaware of the motion when contacted by the *Daily* and did not return subsequent telephone calls.

Members of the Executive Committee of Council were also unavailable for comment.

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Support MCGH strikers...

The three days of strike in the past week have left McGill students in a bind. Squeezed in the middle of a labour — management dispute, we must choose one side over the other, or snuggle into a comfy cocoon of apathy.

However, this choice was not clear-cut because until the second day of the strike, each viewpoint was poorly publicised and both sides were unorganised.

The union seemed to lack support among its members. While over 300 strong on campus, officials from Local 298, the Service Employee's Union, could not attract one-third of their membership to picket lines. Last Wednesday when workers first walked out, union officials made no effort to contact students or the student press, although this network existed from a student strike support committee established last year. Contact with the campus was initiated by students only after the first walk-out.

The administration was hostile in response to student inquiries and rights. They refused to comment on issues and did not attend an information meeting held yesterday morning. As well, McGill was the only university in Québec to stay open during a legal strike.

This is inconvenient for students, staff and faculty who wish to respect picket lines. If work is missed and classes untaught, people aside from the administration suffer. The goal of the union, however, is to irritate the administration, not students. By not respecting the right of McGill community members to support the strike, the administration forces students and staff to be affected by the strike as well.

After negotiations failed, rotational strikes were one way for the union to make its grievances public. It was also the method that least disrupted student activities. By striking only one day, employees disrupted the university enough to make their demands known, yet saved students from an extended general strike.

Rotational strikes do not easily gain publicity or support because of their spontaneity. Although they risked gaining little campus backing, union members walked out for a day at a time in deference to students.

Considering union tactics and the accessibility of union members to students, the administration rightfully emerges as a tight-lipped, hard-fisted monster. Students should save the mouse from the claws of the monster. Let's turn our backs on the boogey-man and support the union!

Molra Ambrose

...and Ignore your local Administration

Who is the McGill University Administration to tell you whether you have the right to support a maintenance workers' strike here or not? They are the people the strike is directed against. Can they in all fairness decide if you can attack them?

Vice-Principal Academic Sam Freedman is making these decisions, saying we no longer have the rights we once held. He is using terrorist tactics to do this. Yesterday morning, he said we have no protection from earning lower marks if we boycott classes. This frightened students attending an information meeting on the strike. In the afternoon, he changed his position, saying there is no policy except that it's up to individual professors.

Students should have the right to obey their conscience, and during the 1980 strike they were given this right. Then Senate formed a committee to examine the whole question. The committee came back in 1981 with a proposal to affirm students' rights.

Senate shot down this recommendation, and struck a new committee. In over two years, this committee has had nothing to say. So Freedman justifies his autocratic policy because the committee's not done its job.

There is a principle involved: students and professors at McGill have the right to have input on students' rights. The administration is overriding these rights with its own pronouncements from the Administration building's fifth floor.

The Ad-Hoc Committee on Student Rights in a Strike is a committee of parity: five students and five professors. It is the body which must decide students' rights. These people must meet instantly to resolve this policy and not wait until the next strike.

Peter Kulenbrouwer



daily — GERARD MARTIN

HOUSE NOTES

During this week's strike by the university service workers' union Local 298, as in past strikes, *The McGill Daily* has urged students to respect picket lines and to boycott classes.

As yet, no settlement has been reached and there will likely be strikes in the future.

The newspaper is produced in the Union building. Because workers there are not unionised, staff members need not cross picket lines when they assemble the *Daily* each night. The newspaper itself, however, does cross picket lines once it is distributed to regular drop-off points on campus.

Traditionally, the union has requested that the *Daily* be printed and distributed although this means picket lines cannot be respected. As the newspaper for the McGill community, the *Daily* informs workers on the progress of union-administration negotiations and lets them know how soon an agreement will be reached.

The paper can drum up support for a strike and regular news coverage on

union activities can bolster striking workers' morale.

As well, the newspaper is there to tell students about strike activity. Those students who have crossed picket lines can read why workers have walked out and can change their minds and choose to boycott classes.

Further, students who decide to boycott classes should be informed on how to actively support the union.

On Monday, students formed an informal strike support committee and have been joining workers on picket lines, and distributing leaflets that tell students to boycott classes.

During a strike, the *Daily* is available to the support committee for publicising actions and announcing meetings. Accordingly, there will be a meeting of the strike support committee today at noon in Gertrude's II.

If you aren't sure why Local 298 has been on strike, come find out at the meeting. If you would like to help the committee in coming labour disputes, please attend.

Suzy Goldenberg

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FEATURE

Grenada, big stick and short good-bye

by Karen Bastow

The United States of America invaded Grenada at 5:40 a.m. Tuesday. At noon, an Inter-Press Service telex received from Washington quotes a U.S. pentagon official as saying "our mission objectives has been achieved successfully". There is still considerable fighting and citizens are being asked to stay inside. The number of casualties are unknown, ex-

cept for the death and capture of an unspecified number of Cuban construction workers and two members of the U.S. Marines.

The unexpected flash invasion by the U.S. was illegal and as yet unjustified except through the dubious rhetoric of Ronald Reagan. The act would seem to be propelling the Cold War into its next stage where superpowers invade Third

World countries with any excuse.

The events leading to the invasion at dawn are shrouded with confusion. The arrest earlier this week of Maurice Bishop, Prime Minister of Grenada's moderate socialist government, sparked a popular uprising where supporters seized Bishop and demanded he be reinstated. Bishop was subsequently shot by those who in-

stigated the coup, led by previous Finance Minister, Bernard Coard.

The U.S. formally decided to invade late Monday night. Present forces in Grenada consist of 1500 U.S. Marines. No members of NATO were notified of the invasion. On Monday, the British government explicitly asked the U.S. to refrain from invading Grenada.

Over the last five years, Bishop's government has been successful in gaining popular support and improving living conditions, something which his predecessor, U.S. puppet Eric Gairy, failed to do. There are no reasons to believe Bishop was a lackey to the Soviet Union. The Bishop government received aid from the IMF, Canada, Western Europe and Cuba.

There is little evidence the coup led by Coard and now headed by General Austin had any substantial popular support. Soldiers of the Grenadian army were deserting since the murder of Bishop.

According to Kari Levitt, a McGill Economics professor who spent this summer in Grenada, the Grenadians would have overthrown the coup and reinstated popular government without outside intervention.

In view of the strategic nature of Grenada, international reaction to the invasion, and no hint of offensive anti-U.S. tactics by the military junta (i.e. Iranian-style hostage-taking), Ronald Reagan's justifications for military intervention in Grenada are feeble.

Reagan's speech Tuesday morning, offered three reasons for the U.S. attack on the country. Reagan stated he received "a request from the five member states of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States to assist in joint effort to restore order and democracy in Grenada."

The countries were Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, St. Lucia and St. Vincent. Two non-member countries, Jamaica and Barbados, were brought in to swing the vote in favour of invasion.

After the Coard coup, the Cuban government issued a statement saying "we are going to remain neutral concerning the new Grenadian government" (Prensa Latina — Cuban News Agency).

Speculation that Cuba and or Soviet government having engineered the coup are unfounded. Levitt said "it is most likely that the events earlier this week were internal Grenadian politics even though there are rumours that the CIA may have been involved."

Reagan's second 'reason' was

that the invasion is necessary because a "large number of US (1000) citizens were seeking to escape the island...the United States had no choice but to act strongly and decisively." However, according the CBC, on Saturday only only ten per cent of the US citizens wished to leave Grenada.

Reagan also said taking over Grenada was "to assist in the restoration of law and order where a brutal group of leftist thugs violently seized power." There is still war in Grenada. Reports from Prensa Latina estimate that more than five hundred people have been killed by the invasion.

There is a consensus among governments both friendly and hostile to the U.S., that Reagan's justifications for the intervention are inadequate at best, and blatant lies at worst. British Labour spokesman Dennis Healey responded: "Firstly, U.S. citizens were in no danger and were able to leave...thirdly restoration of a civil government since many governments in the region have seized power through similar means."

The invasion took place at a time when Grenadians were already in a state of shock due to Bishop's death, and high international sympathy for the U.S. due to the death of almost 200 marines in Lebanon.

Levitt and Inter-Press-Agency both assert the Grenada invasion was the realisation of a long time strategy. Reagan mentioned in his speech to congress four months ago that the Grenadian International Airport, then under construction by both Cuban and Canadian technicians, was to be used in shipping arms to Nicaragua. The US hiking of Cold War tensions forces countries like Grenada to side either with the U.S. or become an enemy under 'Soviet influence'.

The Reagan administration's attitude towards Third World countries self-determination is punishment and suggests paranoia on an international scale. It is possible that, to the U.S., the continued existence of a independent socialist country in the region was a temptation to others.

"It is even more insane that a few thousand people on a small rock in the Caribbean could be a threat to Ronald Reagan" said Kari Levitt. Asked whether the US invasion of Grenada would involve the US soldiers in a long and escalated conflict, Reagan replied "oh that...we could do that with a few Hollywood extras" (CBC). The U.S. has given its scouts honour to remove the troops as soon as it is finished restoring democracy and given the Grenadian people freedom and order.

SPORTS

Football Redmen squeak by Golden Gaels

by Glen Cunningham

"Incredible!" That was the throated cry of 12,000 shocked fans as Myles Druckman latched onto Jaimie Crawford's 14-yard touchdown toss with no time left on the clock. This play enabled the McGill Redmen to turn back the Queen's Golden Gaels 34-33 in what will surely be called "The Classic."

What unfolded Saturday afternoon at Richardson Stadium was far more than just a game, as Collegiate Football's oldest rivals went at it with a manifestation of fierce pride and finely tuned skill.

McGill began with a flourish.

Crawford hit halfback Alain Deschamps with a thirty-yard gainer, and three plays later Deschamps cracked over the right side to put McGill up by six. Klimas banged a 37-yard field goal, and it was 9-0.

Queen's responded with an electrifying 96-yard pass-and-run touchdown. Gaels quarter-back Bob Wright found

speedster Rick Doherty in behind the Redmen secondary to make the game 9-7.

Crawford came right back with a touchdown drive headed by the robust play of hard-rock fullback Mike Sanham.

Underrated Ray Lalonde caught a strike from Crawford, and it was 16-7 at the end of one. Crawford then hit "Mr. Reliable" Glenn Miller a smoker between three defenders, and the sure-handed Miller grabbed it in a crowd to stake the Red and White to a surprising 23-7 lead.

Queen's got that one back just before the half expired, when powerhouse Rick Stirling blasted his way over from the six to send the teams into the room McGill 23, Queen's 14.

Disaster for McGill opened the second half. A fumble on the kickoff set up another Queen's score, and suddenly the Gaels were soaring — trailing by two, 23-21. Klimas hit another field goal and McGill led 26-21 late in the third.

Queen's responded with three of their own while the two teams hit for singles to send the score to 27-26 midway through the fourth quarter.

But then disaster occurred. A fumble on the one and two plays later, Queen's is leading 33-27. One minute remained. Well no one said it was going to be easy. They had Jaimie Crawford, who had come through for the Redmen before. With the fans singing "Good-bye" Crawford hit four in a row, and in the final play, was forced out of the pocket.

He was dragged down on the Gael 25, and a face-masking call set the Redmen up at the 14. One play remained in this epic battle. Crawford reached deep and spiralled one to Druckman in the corner, who grasped at the pass and tumbled to the turf with victory pinned to his chest.

Klimas banged the convert home and pandemonium broke from a small band of engineers who must be the greatest fans in McGill history.

McGill Redsocs defeat Concordia Stingers

by Takane Chloé Alzeki

The McGill Soccer Redmen made history once again, as they defeated the Concordia Stingers 1-0 on Saturday in front of a large Concordia crowd, clinching the QUAA title. This season is the first in which a playoff game between the first and second place teams will not be played.

A CIAU soccer rule established four years ago states that, in the case the second place team takes away a point from the first place team in the course of the season, a playoff match must be slated to decide the QUAA victor. Concordia had to tie McGill in this game to assure a playoff. In a sense then, this was the playoff game for McGill.

In the first half, the two nervous teams struggled through a cautious game, leaving no holes

in the defense. Fired-up Stinger Ron Ruffner received a yellow card after mouthing off to an official.

Dickens St. Vil came through for the Redmen, as he headed in a Mike Kondro freekick at 63 minutes. The ball was caught too late inside the net by keeper Derek Smith.

The Stingers were not able to make any threatening moves. Goalie Aldo Braccio, Douglas Cave, Alastair MacDonald, Guy-Marie Joseph, and John D'Ambrosio formed an impenetrable barrier, stifling Concordia's efforts.

McGill continued to keep Stinger goalie Derek Smith tumbling on the ground. A beautiful cross by St. Vil was shot uncharacteristically over the crossbar by Mike Kondro. Smith caught a pointblank shot off the foot of Peter Ellement

from ten yards out.

Dickens St. Vil made a breakaway run down the left side, and his shot missed home by microns. St. Vil held his head at this near hit.

When the final whistle was sounded, the victors embraced each other in joy. Concordia trudged off the field, once again unable to defeat McGill. This is the fourth consecutive year in which Concordia has come in second behind McGill.

The Redmen will face the Maritime champion in the Eastern Finals to be played at McGill. University of Prince Edward Island is the favourite contender. The winner of this match will travel West for the CIAU Finals. Will the Redmen make it? Well, as Gord Gow puts it, "This team knows how to win a close game. This is what's needed."

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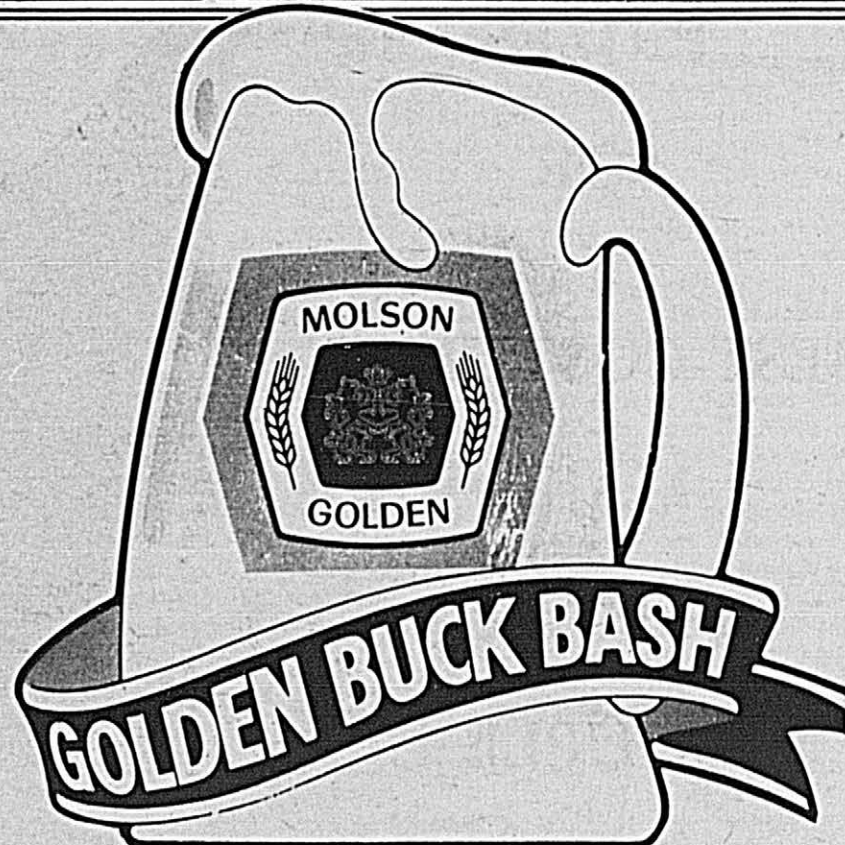
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